IT park in remote districts

3852. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop IT parks in remote districts other than the existing developed districts in the States; and

(b) whether there is any scheme to start English speaking course training centres to help the youths who have completed IT courses in rural districts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under Department of IT, Ministry of Communications and IT, Govt. of India has set up 48 centres across the country, the State wise centre details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

As per the current policy for setting up a new STPI Centre, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq. ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 Crores to STPI. A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal.

(b) DOEACC is conducting ITES-BPO course since August 2003. The ITES-BPO course in Customer Support is of 160 hours duration having components of Computing Skills, English Language Skills, Soft Skills (imparted in English Language). The courses are being conducted in the North East, Jammu & Kashmir and also in DOEACC Centres at Kolkatta & Gorakhpur.

Statement

Software Technology Parks of India
New Delhi-110003

Sl. No.	States	STPI Centres
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2.		Thirupati

1	2	3
3.		Vijayawada
4.		Vizag
5.		Warangal
6.		Kakinada
7.	Assam	Guwahati
8.	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai
9.	Gujarat	Gandhinagar
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
12.		Jammu
13.	Jharkhand	Ranchi
14.	Karnataka	Bangalore
15.		Hubli
16.		Mangalore
17.		Manipal
18.		Mysore
19.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
21.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad
22.		Nagpur
23.		Nasik
24.		Navi Mumbai
25.		Kolhapur
26.		Pune
27.	Manipur	Imphal
28.	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
29.		Rourkela
30.	Pondicherry	Pandicherry
31.	Punjab	Mohali
32.	Rajasthan	Jaipur

1	2	3
33.		Jodhpur
34.	Sikkim	Gangtok
35.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
36.		Coimbatore
37.		Madurai
38.		Thrunavelli
39.		Trichy
40.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
41.		Lucknow
42.		Noida
43.		Allahabad
44.	Uttaranchal	Dehradun
45.	West Bengal	Kolkata
46.		Durgapur
47.		Khargapur
48.		Siliguri

Tele-density in Jharkhand and adjacent States

3853. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the average tele-density in rural areas of the country at the end of years from 2002-03 up to 2006-07 indicating the situation in rural areas in the State of Jharkhand during the said period;

(b) the plans implemented, if any, by Government for enhancement of tele-density in rural areas of Jharkhand and in its adjacent States, namely, Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa, in particular;

(c) the target set by Government to increase tele-density in Jharkhand and adjacent States, as in part (b) above during the years mentioned in para (a) above *vis-a-vis* achievements; and

(d) the targets set for the current financial year?